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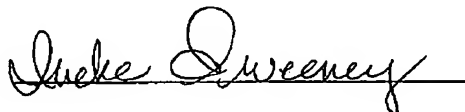
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of September 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.